I am pleased to announce the 2016 Los Angeles County Department of Public Social Services (DPSS) Adopt-A-Family Program. For o v e r 30 years DPSS has provided families with this unique program during the holiday season. It is our hope that each year, we bring joy to those in need. The Adopt-A-Family Program assists low income families and individuals serviced by DPSS.

This longstanding tradition matches sponsors with those undergoing a hardship during the holiday season.

The process is easy:

- DPSS identifies families/individuals who are in need during the holiday season.
  Services provided by DPSS includes: CalFresh, MedCal, CalWORKs (low-income families) and In-Home Supportive Services consumers (low-income elderly, blind or disabled individuals, including children).

- The families/individuals provide their consent for release of limited personal information to the sponsor. This information includes their name, telephone number, address, family size, and most importantly, a "Wish List."

- The "wish list' is provided to you and you assemble t h e <u>new</u> selected gifts that are within your budget. No gift is too small and there is no minimum required.

- **As a sponsor, you contact the family to get more detailed information on what is needed or wanted and make arrangements for delivery or pick up of items** (NOTE: For privacy reasons, it is recommended to block your phone number by dialing *67 when contacting the families).

Please fax or email the attached sponsorship form to the DPSS Volunteer Coordinator, Anthony Leoni at (213) 743-9998 or via email at: dpssvolunteers@dpss.lacounty.gov. Forms are due no later than **Thursday, December 8, 2016**. However, the sooner you submit the form, the more likely we can accommodate your request.

Thank you for giving us the opportunity to share this special program. We look forward to hearing from you soon! If you have any questions please call (213) 744-4348.

Very truly yours,

Marcia Blachman-Benitez, Program Director

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